

Euglish custom which was brought over

to this country by some of the early set-

tiers, and is still observed in the smaller

towns of New England. The May pele

dance and the crowning of the May queen

have fallen into disuse, owing partly to

the indemency of the weather at this

season of the year in the particular sec-

tion of courts in which the festival is

But there is one custom to which New

Englanders cling with as much tenicity

es to their codiish balls and numpkin nie.

Children look forward to the 1st of May

most observed.

There are visions of loveliness in the shape of gowns, the like of which we may never hope to possess, but which, so, serve to put us in an artistic frame of nand-just as one who smed his eye to nothing but good pictures for a season acquires a sense of the beautiful in nature and art which he would never attain by the contemplation of bad chromes or distorted drawings

After the first qualities of eavy and coverpushess have been conquered it is easy to see in the simple materials within our reach possibilities of adaption and variation which would never occur to the mind at one who has not studied gowns that are propelessly beyond reach.

It is with this idea is view that I present you with a description of some gowns that are being prepared for a May ball which isto take place in a most anothelous naturer on the 20th of April. This anachronism as due either to the fact that the directors wished to contain the celebration of Easter tide with that of the "merry month," or it 4s an attempt on their part to welcome the 1st of May at midnight as if it were the first day of the year. He that is it may. it is the gowns with which we are con-

aladame displayed them one by one, so that the colors could not kill each other, and then put each corefully away in its own particular box. The first was a ug red geranium red, a coller winth has taken everything by storm this year The material was another favorite. any fashionable dressmaker what is the most stylish material for evening wear and she will answer unhesitatingly, point d'esprit not It is really a sort of Brussels net with a dot in it, and, being much stoater than either tolle or mousseline and quite as pretty, at easily replaces both with those who can afford to pay for it. This sed net was pleated in "sun pleats" to form the skert and hung over a germium red tarrets Dung. The bodice was gath ered full around the low corsuge and edged with they estrick tips. There was a slight puff at the top of the arm, and below the long directoire sleeve of the not. The direct are sleeve, by the way, is a new lad which is growing very popular for evening dresses of the trast elaborate type

This same shows appeared again in an exquisite visite gown. The visite dress was part of a complete violet costume, which was the most unique and original in the whole collection. The material was mous-adine de son, with Jun the right stiffness for sun pleats. The pleated skirt was, of course, made over a taffeta lining. The waist was gathered full and cut quite low in the neck, and all around the edge were tiny ostrich tips of a slightly darker tint. Down the center of the hodice, from the neck to the waist, was a strip of pearl trin ming hald on violet ribbsu. A jacket effect is also formed by the pearl trimining The alectes were the most effective for ture of the costume. At the top was a butterfly trium, mg of knife pleating that stood uplike butterfly wines all around the shoul der. There was a soft knot in the center like the body between the two wings, and below was the directoire steeve. costume the happy possessor has planned to wear yield gloves and aboes to match the tips, and to carry a violet fan which will be suspended from the waist by a tiny gold

The spectators gave a little gasp when Madame Krelle announced that the next gown would be a constination of pink and manogany. It certainly sounded odfor an evening dress, but when we say it the gasps were those of admiration as well as asloal-hazent. The lining was mahogany tafficia and over tids the pink point elegant was laid in sun pleats like the othern. The net was fremioned into nning was out very low, and the soft folds of the net made on exquisite draping for the corage. Down one edge of the sur plice were set tiny pluk resebude, a from the waist there dangled a chain o rosebuds which madame explained wa intended to entry the fan.

"I suppose she will went pink gloves and slippers with this?" ventured some

Oh, not methogony by all means," safe

the soundaired modiste. She then showed us two more gown and the exhibition was over. One was a pale titue striped chiffen with a small dot in it. The skirt was not pleated and was edged with three rows of white valence mes lace. The edge of the bodies was trimmed with pink roses and vio a striking combination, but just the right thus to harmonize perfectly.

A yellow chiffon was made with high

neck and long sleeves, but the taffeta liging was cut low underneath the chiffin Following the line of the low corsage, be set on top of the net, was a border of pink and nearl trimming. The net was gut ered at the neck into a small satin collar, and the effect was exceedingly pretty That is exactly the way I'll fix my

binck silk waist," exclaimed a y girl, who, by the way, has been fixing that some black waist in different styles for the last four years. "The silk is growing a little slimbby and worn," she ad ruefully, "and I was afmid I would have to give it up But now I'll get some ch ck not and mather right over it into a stock coller, and the neck is stready cut somere underneath. It will be a pretty church on hot Sundays.

This idea also suggests a method of transforming the organdy evening dr into an afternoon gown. A little talle But since the advent of the thin directoir consisting yoke and directoire steeve

Every indication points to the fact that plain starts are going out of fashion. At every exhibition of Paris costumes trimed skirts are in the vast majority, and the out claiment etrimening at that. No Frenc dresmaker pretends to put a ruffle straight around the bottom of the skirt, though the ts quite the correct thing with us. All the sees go gingaging around as if they had been jarred out of place by the ocean voyage of which they bear unnistakable

The newest thing in shoes is green alligatorskin. One young woman who saw them for the first time went immediately to buy a dress to match them. "For," she said, "I couldn't wear them with anything but a dress with green in it."

Brown patent leather is also new, and is nonglar in combination with either brown or black plain leather.

Green gloves will gain greater favor this they did the last time they were

introduced. Here is a new ideal for a pocket in the most ordinary dress skirt. Make a curved | red or pink or violet, with endless combine slash at the right side of the front, line with-n pretty shade of taffeta silk and stitch perimenting a little. Plain paper should edges. The taffeta need not match the skirt or anything on the dress. The one I size and shape are obtained the fancy paper saw was in a tan skirt and the taffets may be cut from the pattern.

known it would be very easy for a doze; young people to start the fashion, and when once they flud how much enjoyment is to be had from the celebration of this festival of our forefathers they will be very loth to give it up.

THE GUESTS DIDN'T COME.

Those who saw that lively farce, "My

Flowers, Orchestra, Supper and Lonely Hostess.

Friend from India," will remember that one of the funniest situations turns upon the fact that the stopid servant had forFAIR WHIST PLAYERS.

Can Give Men "Cards and Spades" on the Rigor of the Game.

That Philadelphia should be selected as the meeting place of the women which players of America is most appropriate. Certainly no city in the country is more devoted to the game than the Quaker City, and the number of riobs there is something menal.

"The object of the meeting," to speak in the vernacular, is to decide upon organizing a woman's whist league. Men have their haseball, why not women their whist? gotten to mail the invitations to a grand | There have been men who had the party, which the society-hunting Kansas temerity to assert that no woman could City millionaire had prepared for on a most | learn to play whist scientifically, but the lavish scale. Something of the same kind dea was exploded long ago, and usen must now look to their large less they be stripped couple of this city some time ago. When couple of this city some time ago. When the first anniversary of their wedding day approached, they determined to centrate it with an evening reception in their pretty new home on a pleasant cross-street close to Euclid avenue. Of course, a supper and a dance was included, and everything was to be as nice as possible. Each detail was carefully looked after, and their friends

contest of women versus men on the last night

There is some difference of opinion as to the style of drass to be worn at the various events, but as the prominent woosen are very much in cornest in their efforts to promote a more general interest in their favorite game, it is likely that the consideration of dress will be allowed to take sec and place, although an assemblage of wom en from the highest social circles of almost every city in the country is sure to present a very imposing appearance. Among the cities which will be repre-

sented at the congress are Haltimere, Washington, Richmond, Detroit, Milwaukes, St. Louis, San Francisco, Denver, Boston, Providence, Annapolis, Toledo, and many others, from which list it will readily be seen that while Philadelphians are very prominent in whist events of every descrip-tion, the interest in the game and in the congress is far from being local, and has

Souvenirs of the occasion in the shape of illustrated books, prettily bound, are be log prepared by those most interested in cess. The Look has on its first page a half-tone of Mrs. T. H. Andrews, of The Case of the Iron Duke.

My story properly begins in one of the land counties of England, and there are scores of people yet living who can relate all the particulars up to a certain point As a beginning a rector's son fell in love with a country gentleman's daughter. The young man, though brought up under the gentlest influences, was all that was had at the age of twenty. He was a roys, terer, a poncher, a gambler, a race track man, and outlawed by his family. Like many another seamp, he was good-looking and had a captivating way, and Mary Sir clair was by no means his first conquest. She was the daughter of a rich gentleman, and a girl far above George Early in the social scale, and perhaps she took to him because there was no one to speak a word in his favor. At any rate, they anything of the sort, and they made the

me a slick story and worked on my symme a suck story and worker of my sync-pathies, and I finally agreed to do it. It was an easy thing for a boy who was running about the ship, and in the cabin on errands, to hand a note to a passenger, and the girl pet berself in my way to receive it, as if she were expecting a such thing. A few hours later I carried her written answer back to Early, and nothing more passed between them for a week. I do not know what plan the young man had when he broke jail to join the ship, but take it that it was nothing worse than to follow her to Jamaica and make her his wife. If such it was it might have been carried out without atragedy, but for our second mate, in whose watch Early was drafted. All ordinary or able seamen are antagonistic to lands men on general principles, and all mates drive them around without mercy.

That Early did his best I have no doubt, but the mate was not satisfied with that, and took every occasion to abuse him. We were only a week out, and the mate had shown his hand three or four times, when a climax came. In the early morning watch he gave some order which was not readily understood and promptly obeyed, and as a result brutaily assaulted two or three men of his watch. Early was of the number, and they pitched into the mate and hearly killed bim. For this they were put in irons, to be tried when the ship reached Jar

It may have been that the uncalled-for brutality of the mate aroused the sympa-thies of the entire crew, or the change of plans made by Early won them over. They were an average lot of sailors, of mixed nationalities, and the men had been in from only two or three days when I heard enough to satisfy me that trouble was

brewing.
I went to the chief mate with scraps of conversation I had heard, and received a kick and a curse for my pains. A few hours later I, was sore that the ere contemplated open mating, but, afraid of the reception the captain might give me, I held my tengue. Two nights later, in the second mate's water, he was seized from behind and thrown overboard. Then the watch off duty was notified, and, arming themselves as best they could, and led by George Early, they called the captain and chief officers on deck, and secured them and had pursuant of the ship. Every soilor absent except the carpenter and sailmater was in the plot, and after the ship and been seized these two men cast their lot with the mutimers. I was noted out only after the men had secured the officers, and I then found all the passengers dressed and in the catan, and George Early and Mary sinclair talking together. The change of plan was to sene the ship and go suiting to some island, where the men could enjoy themselves in their own way, with piracy, pethaps, at the finis.

It was currently reported that the from Duke had a large amount of specie abount, besides a valuable cargo, and young Early was a good talker among such ignorant on as inhabitthe forecastle. As a matter housand dollars in allver-but as to the men reaping any benefit out of a muslwy, each and all must have known better bad her stopped coargue the matter. The ship held to her course, and nothing was done

An hour after daylightine erew gathered and elected George Early as captain. At he had not been two weeks at sex, this was a queer thing to do, but the men want-ed to homor him for leading the nation.

The captain made a speech in which he offered to overlook the whole matter if the men would return to duty. They jeered and mocked him in reply. Some were for killing the two men at once, but Early had decided to give them a show. One of the quarter books was launched and provisioned for a week and the two officers ordered into her. They went without a word, seeming to realize that nothing they could would change the plans of the muti-neers, and then came the question of the fate of the passengers. Early had, perhaps, planned to keep them aboard, but every one begged to be sent away with the officers. Even Mary Sinclair's aunt was included, although she was fifty years of age, in poor health, and knew that hardship and suffering awaited her. As for the girl herself, she looked upon her lover as a hero, and was for helping him to carry out his

ptans She was not only thoroughly infatuated with the good-looking criminal, but had come perfectly recidess of consequences. After a long wrangle the passengers were allowed to go in the boat, and more water and food were put into her. Not one of the crew expressed a desire to go along, and that I was permitted to depart has sterays been a matter of wonder, as I would have been of use aboard, and th other apprentice was detained. That I I was sent down into the boat to keep her fended off from the ship

When sent adrift without a sail or compass, and with only two oars-seven of uswe were about 300 miles from the nearest land, which was the land we had sailed from. It was, fortunately, midsumme weather, and we did not suffer from cold, but for thirteen days we were thout on short rations and wet to the skin. nost of the time.

The only use made of the oars was to keep the bont's head to the sear, and day and night we kept a lookout for rescue. It was on the mounting of the fourteenth day, and just as a gale was piping up, that a Prench brig, homeward bound, signted and picked us up, with Mrs. Mosher so near dend that she gasped her last as she was lifted to the dook of the brig. The remainder of us were half-starved and thoroughly worn out, and two or three days more could have brought death to half the num-

We were landed at a French port and sent on to Liverpool, and that was the last I heard of my fellow-sufferers; but the Iron Duke had adventures which some of you may have read in the public prints. was stoken by an English man-of-war. ning to the south, presumably intending to round the Born. As she refused to answer signals she was chased for fifty miles as a suspicious character, but outsailed

the man-of-war and got away. next to the west of the Mindeiras, and by this time two English men-of-war were after her. She finally dropped out of ight allogether, and nothing of her for a year. Then the Scatch Ship William, homeward bound from Australia, and coming up the coast, overhauled a leretict, which had evidently been knocking about for months. Masts were gone, bulwarks swept away, rudder broken, and the hulk full of water. It was the Iron Duke, and no human foot had trod her decks for many weeks. She had evidently been dismasted in a gate, but how long her crew had stuck by her, or whether any

ever left her, is only guesswork. The chances are all were swept away by the monster waves which deared her decks and left her waterlogged. Powder was a to shatter and sink her, and though for sought for traces of any of the crew who might have escaped, nothing was ever

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with almost as much interest as they exhatdt in the coming of Christmas or the Fourth of July. About two weeks before hand both boys and girls begin to buy sheets of gilt and silver paper for the anufacture of those perishable but glittering receptacles for flowers which are colled "May buskets."

On the first night of the "merry month" every little girl under fourteen years of age starts out in the evening just at dusk with her collection of precious paper baskets filled with hepaticas and other spring flowers which she has picked with her own hands during the day. These she distributes among her favorites of the opposite sex in the follow ing manner:

Creeping softly up the steps that lend to the dwelling place of him who is to receive the mark of her favor, ane hangs the basket on the door knob, rings the bell and then ampers down the steps as fast as she can run. Not so fast, however, but that the re cipient, rushing out almost immediately. is close on her neels in hat pursuit, and if he atches her she is bound to pay the for fest—which of course means a kiss.

Having paid the forfest or escaped her

ursuer-a very rare occurrence, by the til the baskest are all distributed On the next night the boys take their urn with the baskets, but, strange to say great change has come over the spirit o their dreams. For, while on the previous

suble reward for their pains. The baskets in both cases are made very men alike, but the girls fill theirs with nothing but flowers, while those which they receive usually contain candy with a sprinkling of flowers on top.

pight they were as fleet as deer in pu-

mit of the maids who brought them baskets

tonight they run like sunils, and thus ge

There are two or three different styles of basket in favor among the youths and maidens who observe this custom, but the favorites are the cornucopla and the heartshaped basket woven of gilt or particolored paper. The manner of making the ornucopia is familiar to everybody, but weaving a basket is a different matter. Children who go to kindergarten learn to make all sorts of fancy things cut of paper, but those who are not so fortunate depend upon their mothers or elder sisters to help them in such emergencies It therefore behooves the latter to prere themselves if they would be popular with the younger members of the

The shuplest way to weave a basket is this. Take two pieces of paper about four inches wide and ten inches long. One should be silver, the other gilt. Fold each piece in the middle and slash into long, fingerlike strips that end in the folded edge and reach back almost to the opposite edges Then begin to weave these pieces together by looping the first silver strip over the first gold one, under the second gold one, over the third, and so on. The second strip woven in and out the same way, then the third, and so forth, until all the strips have been used. The open edges are then trimmed tato a heart shape, a gold or silve loop pasted on for a handle, and the basket ts complete. It only remains to put in the flowers or candy, with a card, upon which

is inscribed the name of the donor If one wishes to vary the style of basket it may be done by using different colorsbe used as a pattern, and when the lesired

In localities where this custom is an

were to be impressed if unstinted hospitality could impress them.
On the appointed evening both house and busy servants hurried to and fro.

Half post 8 came, and the sound of runbling carriages continued enheard. clock the lively chatter of gathering guests was still anticipated. At 10 o'clock wasn't a solitary wrap or overcoal in the spick-and-span dressing-recom-The house was ablaze with lights, the sor vants were standing around as idle as waiting house of representatives, and the chef in the kitchen was getting volutily out of patience. At 11 o'clock the hostess ank down in all her finery on the nearest chair, and indulged in several dry sobs of ngry disappointment, while the husband stalked about breathing anothernas at every stalk. At 12 o'clock the lights were out, the extra help dismissed and the un eaten supper stored away in pantry and cellar.

It was a dreadful, shocking fiasco. And the cause of the trouble? Well, the explanation was carefully guarded for a long time, but there is no harm to be feared in telling it now. It seems that the wife, aided by the husband, wrote the adtresses on a certain evening, and then the latter put the bundle of envelopes in Lis value, promising to leave them at the sostoffice on his way down to the railway station, a taisiness engagement calling his to Alicon on the early morning train He was a little pressed for time, and ir his hurry to catch the train, forgot all about his postoffice errand.

When he opened the value in Akton there werethe envelopes. He knew that he would be detained in the town for a day or two, and so a bright idea struck him. He would just mail them through the Akron office. He forthwith dumped the entire lot into the letter receptacle, and walked away with the proud consciousness of having shown a emarkable example of presence of adiad in

the face of an unexpected emergency Alas! he entirely failed to appreciate the ceilings of the Akron postoffice cierks when they pawed over those invitation and found every blessed one marked "City," and then discovered that the city wasn't Akron. Of course, they had no au hority to forward the invitations any where else, no matter how strong their spicions might be regarding the intended

destination. So those blessed "Invites" were lying in the Akron postoffice at the very hour when the unhappy mistress was wringing her hands and wondering what on earth could have happened.

Which is the true tale of the guests who never came.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Ghostly Wedding.

Max Rine, a merchant of Piedmont, W Va , and Miss Fannie Korb were married. ording to Ancient Hebrew and Russian rites yesterday.

The groom wore a shroud in which he ntends to be buried, and while the bride and groom remained standing the guests around them three times, all car rving lighted tapers.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

The House Migrated. "It is so aggravating to go house hunt-ing every spring," said the lady in the

"We generally have to hunt ours up two or three times a summer," said the cousin from the cyclone belt. - Typograph-

the subject of the Whist Congress of this week, she said: "We expect to have over mistress were radiant. Flowers were sent-tered here and there, a small but select orchestra was embowered behind palms in the hallway, and in the rear apartments will enter in every contest, though there is nothing in the regulations to prevent

it. We have a number of prizes, of which the trophy offered by the Washington lubs was the first to reach us. It is a silver shield mounted on velvet, and is to be contested for by teams of four. The trophies have greatly stimulated the whist interest, as they arouse the local pride of the women of different parts of the country, each striving to keep up the bonor of he own city. At the meetings of the congress we shall first vote to determine whether a league shall be formed, and when this is favorably decided, as it certainly will be we shall proceed to elect officers and draw up rules for organization

"In the voting, each club will be entitled to one vote, no matter how many members of the club may be present. It has been suggested that the minimum membership for admission of a club to the league shall be sixteen.

"Among the distinguished visitors pected arc Mr. Watter H. Barney of Provience, k. I., president of the Ameri can Whist League, and Mr. Eugene S. Elhot of Milwankee, who is the father of in "Who originated the idea of a Woman"

Whist League? Oh, it would be hard to say. But it was the committee of five made the plan a success by the issue of their announcement, copies of which you have doubtless seen."

This committee of five consists of Mrs. H Andrews, of Philadelphia; Mrs. J R. Hawley, of Washington; Mrs. Waldo Adams, of Beston; Mrs. Clarence Brown, of Toledo, and Mrs. Susan D. Biddle, of Detroit, and the substance of their announce ment is as follows:

To the Women Whisters of America. "A woman's whist congress will be held at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 28 and 29.

program' (subject to afteration by vote of the congress) is as follows: Business meeting April 27, 24 and 29, at 11 a. m.

"Pair contest for woman's pair cham pionship, April 27 and 28, at 2 p. m. "Mixed double pair contest, for mixed double pair championship, April 27 and 8, at 8 p. m. "Contest for women's club fours, under

Howell-Mitchell system for progressive fours, April 29, at 2 p. m Wemen vs. mcn, April 29, 8 p. m. "Prizes will be awarded to the Winner in each contest," etc.

The circumstance of most interest to the general public is the fact that the contests are open to any woman who plays whist, with no restricting conditions ever. It is not even necessary that the contestant belong to the club in order to play at the congress, but for admission to the league, if it is organized, rules will,

of course, be made. Entries for a given contest may be made up to 12 o'clock of the day upon which the contest is to take place, and it is expected that there will be a large number of entries tomorrow and during the three days following. It is expected that the championship events-that is, the pairs uen and mixed doubles-will be especially interesting. Not the least atractive feature of the congress will be its social side, which will culminate in the

In an interview with Mrs. Andrews on | Philadelphia, who is chairman of the comnuttee of five and who contributed so m to the general interest in whist by her offer, a year ago, of the Andrews trophy, to be competed for by teams of four This trophy consists of four silver hearts, and has been spine back and forth between the itles of Bultimore, Washington, Pottsville Pa., and Philadelphia in a very lively manner for the past year. Owing to her unticing efforts in behalf of whist and visist players, as well as to the fact of the resition which she holds, it is most appropriate that the picture of Mrs. Andrews should grace the first page of the

souvenir book The next page contains the program of vents, after which are half-tones of Mrs J. R. Hawley, Mrs. Clarence Brown and Miss Susan D. Biddle. Next is a representation of the Washington trophy, followed by pictures of the other prizes and places of interest in Philadelphia.

The emblem of the league is a red di d. with the letters W. W. L. inscribe upon it. This has been incorporated into a medal or badge that is a little larger than a half dollar and a little thicker than a

nadges will be worn by committees and delegates as follows:

The committee of five will have gold emblems tied with white ribbon. The committees on reception, souve nir and tournament, respectively, will wear siver emblen's tied with red illbon.

Delegates will wear silver medals with The medal or badge is a souvenir ne only of the first whist congress, but also of the place where it was held. It contains the date, the emblem, the name of the cly, the words, "Woman's First Whist longress," and a representation of Inde-

pendence Hall. It will not be definitely decided where the next congress will be held until after this one convenes, but it is very certain that it will be somewhere in the middle West, probably in Toledo or Detroit.

## HOW TO WASH WOOLENS.

New Method Which Entirely Opposes the Old One. Experiments have recently been made

in Germany as to the best methods of washing woolens, that are the direct opposite of that usually followed by the hot wife, and they have led to the following First, the liquid used for washing must be

as hot as possible.

Second, for the removal of greasy dirt, sweat, etc., borax is of so little value that its application is mere waste, and, although some lye is better, the preference must be given to soap lye in connection with an monia, a mixture which works wonders by quickly dissolving dirt in particular parts which are hard to cleanse, raising

Third, that, on the other hand, for clean ing white woolen goods there is nothing which even approaches borax-sap ye and borax applied beiling hot give to whiteness which they often do not possess when they are new.

nd reviving even bright colors.

Fourth, if shrinking is to be entirely avolded, the drying must be accelerated by repeatedly pressing the woolens be ween soft cloths. In no case should woolens be dried in the sun, as they then become hard and dry. They are best dried in a moderate current of air, and in cold weather in a warm place, but not too near the source of heat.-Boston Globe.

Her father tried threats, but they would not work on the rector's son. Then be tried to bribe him to leave the country, but was only laughed at. Folks and that the young man resily desired marry the girl, and that, perhaps, they would have come out all right in the end, but the Sinclairs had other prospects for the daughter and bitterty opposed the match. So obstinate was the girl and so determined the young man that she was locked up in her room, and he was sent to jail on some charge that might otherwise have been overlooked. It was while he was in limbo that it was decided to send her out to Januaica in charge of an aunt to pass a year among relatives. Inside of a week their passage had been secured on the Iron Duke, a sailing vessel, and the craft was ready to sail. I was an apprentice on board of the fron

ment and a great scandal.

Duke, and so I can give you full particulars of what may be called the last baif of the story. There were five passengers in all, being Mary Sinclair, her aunt, a Mr. Mosner and his wife, and a young man named Brown. The girl fought against the decision of her father and vowed that she would drown herself at the first opportunity. For this reason the father as ompanied her on board and told the story the captain and gave her into his charge Mary was quiet enough, however. She was even gay as we hauted out of dock at Liverpool and took the towine of a tog. What had caused the change in her no one knew, but the aunt and the captain agreed that she had probably decided to usbmit to the inevitable with the best grace possible. On the day before we anted out of dock, which was the day Mary came aboard, I was sent to a certain bearding-house on an errand, and while there I saw the boatswala of our ship in close and suspicious conversation with a strange young man whom I knew to be a landsman.

I saw money pass between them and overneard a few words of their conversation, but, being busy, the affair went out of my mind. What called it up again was the sight of the young landsman on our decks as one of our crew three hours later, while the one-eyed man, whim I knew had signed articles, had taken his departure. An exchange of men had been made for money, as is often done just as a ship is leaving port; but it was none of my business, and I had nothing to say. It was the presence of George Early on the deck of the Iron Duke which had we ne sudden change in Mary Sinciair, but of that none of us knew anything. The ant did not know the young man by sight,

A ship's crew is made up of able seamen, rdinary seamen and landsmen, and, until he watches are set and the officers get to remember faces and names, most any of shift can be made. Early had taken the place of a landsman, of which two had been shipped, and as he was young, strong and active, there was no doubt of his through, though he would be made a drudge of and have no sympathy from the officer We were hardly clear of the docks when I heard the captain and mate speaking of him and wondering who he was and what had driven a smart young man like him to sea, and that made me take notice of him and get in his way for a word or two. After a conversation during his watch off duty, in which he praised and flattered me without stint, he asked me to carry a note from him to Mary Sinclair. I was | heard of a single one of them. surprised that a common sailor should even